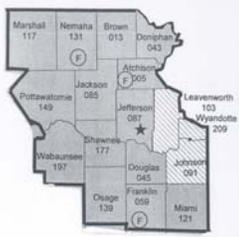




# Kansas DISTRICT 4 NEWSLETTER



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## Acreege Reports Are Due

Acreege reporting time is here. Filing an accurate acreege report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreege and prevented planting acreege, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs.

Failed acreege must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date.

Acreege reports are required for many Farm Service Agency programs including DCP, Marketing Assistance Loans, Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) , Loan Deficiency Payments and the Conservation Reserve Program. For crops other than NAP (Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program) crops, acreege reports are to be certified by the June 1 deadline on small grains and August 2 deadline on all other crops.

Acreege reports on crops for which NAP assistance may be paid are due in the county office by the earlier of June 1 for small grains and August 2 for all other crops, or 15 calendar days before the onset of harvest or grazing of the specific crop acreege being reported.

## CRP Maintenance

CRP participants are reminded of their responsibility to perform annual CRP maintenance as specified in their Conservation Plan of Operations. A major problem in this area is the invasion of undesirable plants including trees that adversely impact the permanent grassland cover. FSA will be conducting annual inspections of CRP to determine contract violations.

Kansas Homepage  
<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/ks/>

Aerial Photography & Maps  
<http://gis.apfo.usda.gov/naipcoverage>

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WWW.FSA.USDA.GOV

## DCP and ACRE Sign-up



Sign-up for the Direct and Counter Cyclical (DCP) and Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) programs for the 2010 crop year has begun. The DCP and ACRE programs require an annual contract signed by all participants. The last day to sign-up in both programs is June 1, 2010. Advance payments are available to those interested producers upon approval of the contract. Visit your local FSA office to complete your 2010 contracts.

## Direct and Guaranteed Loans

The Farm Service Agency is committed to providing family farmers with loans to meet their farm credit needs. If you are having trouble getting the credit you need for your farm, or regularly borrow from FSA, direct and guaranteed loans are currently available.

Ask your lender about an FSA loan guarantee if you've had a setback and your lender is reluctant to extend or renew your loan.

Farm ownership loans or farm operating loans may be obtained as direct loans for a maximum of up to \$300,000. Guaranteed loans can reach a maximum indebtedness of \$1,112,000. Producers are encouraged to apply early so that a loan can be processed and funded in a timely manner.

FSA employees will help you complete the necessary application and other forms, and help you understand what information is required, where to find it or who to contact to get it. To find out more about FSA loan programs, contact the Farm Loan Staff.

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**Offices Closed**  
**May 31, 2010**  
in observance of  
**Memorial Day**



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## Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Verification

Producers have until June 15 to provide the CCC-927 for individuals or CCC-928 for entities to IRS to remain eligible for 2009 and 2010 payments. FSA will not receive any income tax information from IRS. IRS will only confirm a producer's AGI compliance.

Ensure that the form is completed correctly and that the name entered on the form is how you file your taxes. Example: If you farm under a Trust, but file your taxes under your individual name, then you should record your individual name on the form (not the Trust). If all fields are not completed correctly, IRS will reject the form. Do not send the form to FSA; it must be mailed directly to the IRS address at the top of the form. Failure to submit a form to the IRS may result in refund of 2009 and 2010 payments. You may obtain a copy of the form at the FSA county office or on-line at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov), then click on Forms.

## Livestock Deaths

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides assistance to producers for livestock deaths that result from disaster. LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of established normal mortality rates due to adverse weather, including losses due to floods, blizzards, extreme heat and extreme cold.

It will be the producer's responsibility to notify the county FSA office about their livestock deaths. Payment rates for other livestock categories can be found at your local FSA office. LIP regulations require that producers must file a notice of loss within 30 calendar days from when the loss is apparent, and file an application for payment no later than 30 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the loss of livestock occurs.

When an application is filed, participants must provide verifiable documentation of livestock deaths claimed on the application. Livestock owners and livestock contract growers that cannot provide any proof of death must provide verifiable documentation of their livestock inventory when the deaths occurred.

There are no late-filed provisions for the LIP program. That means, if for any reason you wait to file your application after the deadline is past, then the county office won't be able to approve it. For more LIP details, contact your local FSA office.

## Beginning Farmer and Rancher Loans

Are you looking to retire? Are you looking for a way to bring your son or daughter into your farming operation? FSA can help provide financing with programs geared to Beginning Farmers and Ranchers.

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) partners with local agricultural lenders to provide direct and guaranteed loans to beginning farmers and ranchers who would not be able to finance their operations solely with commercial credit sources. Each fiscal year, the Agency targets a portion of its direct and guaranteed farm ownership (FO) and operating loan (OL) funds to beginning farmers and ranchers.

A beginning farmer or rancher is an individual or entity who (1) has not operated a farm or ranch for more than 10 years; (2) meets the loan eligibility requirements of the program to which he/she is applying; (3) substantially participates in the operation; and, (4) for FO loan purposes, does not own a farm greater than 30 percent of the median size farm in the county. (Note: all applicants for direct FO loans must have participated in business operation of a farm for at least 3 years.) If the applicant is an entity, all members must be related by blood or marriage, and all stockholders in a corporation must be eligible beginning farmers.

We'd appreciate the opportunity to visit with you about our loan programs and how they can help you meet your goals in operating your farm or ranch. Contact our Farm Loan Offices.

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## Continuous CRP Available

The Continuous Conservation Reserve Program is a private lands environmental improvement program that allows participants the opportunity to enroll environmentally sensitive acreages in conservation practices that will reduce soil erosion, improve water and soil quality and provide wildlife habitat and food sources. The Continuous CRP program is a voluntary enrollment program. Eligible landowners enter into contracts that range from 10 to 15 years in length. In return, the landowners will receive annual rental and maintenance payments, incentive payments for certain activities, and cost share for establishment. To be eligible for enrollment in the Continuous CRP, participants and acreage must meet certain requirements. Provided the eligibility requirements are met, FSA will automatically accept enrollments of acreage into Continuous CRP. Landowners may enroll in the program at any time during the year. For more information on Continuous CRP enrollments, please contact your local FSA office.

## County Committee Elections

County committees play a vital role in helping to ensure that FSA agricultural programs adequately serve the needs of county producers. Each year farmers and ranchers elect a member or members to the county committee. Producers who serve on the committee help with the decisions necessary to administer agency programs. We want to congratulate the following producers who have been elected to serve on their respective county committees. Their three year term began on January 1, 2010.

In addition, producers who are interested in the county committee election process are encourage to attend the election informational meeting in their county. Unless noted below, all meetings will be held at the USDA Service Center. Nominations will be accepted from June 15, 2010 to August 2, 2010.

| County        | County Committee Member             | 1st Alternate                  | 2nd Alternate   | # of ballots received | 2010 COC Election Informational Meeting |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Atchison      | Karl Buttron                        | N/A                            | N/A             | 68                    | June 11, 2010 @11:00 am                 |
| Brown         | Douglas Meyer                       | Evelyn Lierz                   | N/A             | 144                   | June 16, 2010 @11:00 am                 |
| Doniphan      | Ula May Drake                       | N/A                            | N/A             | 97                    | June 24, 2010 @8:00 am                  |
| Douglas       | Kent Nunemaker                      | Charlene Winter                | N/A             | 151                   | June 9, 2010 @10:00 am                  |
| Franklin      | Terry Mohr                          | N/A                            | N/A             | 78                    | June 9, 2010 @10:00 am                  |
| Jackson       | George W Phillips                   | Rose Goodman                   | N/A             | 74                    | June 3, 2010 @10:00 am                  |
| Jeff/Lv/Wy    | Chris McClelland<br>Herbert Schwinn | Michael Dailey<br>Brian Potter | N/A             | 210                   | June 8, 2010 @8:00 am                   |
| Marshall      | Duane Polson                        | Bernard Van Dorn               | Brian Jones     | 131                   | June 9, 2010 @10:00 am                  |
| Miami/Johnson | Tyler Lynn<br>Merle Kaiser          | N/A                            | N/A             | 155                   | June 2, 2010 @9:30 am                   |
| Nemaha        | Mark Carpenter                      | Gordon Grimm                   | N/A             | 112                   | June 8, 2010 @10:00 am                  |
| Osage         | Robert Scheid                       | N/A                            | N/A             | 123                   | July 14, 2010 @8:00 am                  |
| Pottawatomie  | John W. Gilsdorf                    | Michael Roggenkamp             | N/A             | 133                   | June 8, 2010 @9:00 am                   |
| Shawnee       | Lawrence Atwood                     | John J Moore                   | R. Alan Bullock | 86                    | * July 13, 2010 @10:00 am               |
| Wabaunsee     | Shirley Stuewe                      | N/A                            | N/A             | 79                    | June 10, 2010 @10:00 am                 |

\*= Shawnee Co. Farm Bureau Building, 3801 SW Wanamaker, Topeka



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## SURE

The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) provides benefits for farm revenue losses due to natural disasters that incurred in the crop years 2008 through September 30, 2011. To be eligible for SURE payments, a producer is required to obtain crop insurance on all crops in all counties or, if crop insurance is not available, to participate in the Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) except for grazed acreage. However, crop insurance or NAP coverage is not required for crops that are not of economic significance or those where the administrative fee required to buy NAP coverage exceeds 10% of the value of the coverage.

Eligible farmers and ranchers who meet the definition of Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, or Beginning Farmer or Rancher are exempt from the risk management purchase requirement.

The following are the conditions that trigger SURE payments:

- at least one crop of economic significance must suffer a 10% production loss due to an eligible disaster condition
- crop of economic significance is a crop that has contributed or would have contributed at least 5% or more of the total expected revenue from all crops on the farm
- producers in counties declared disaster counties by the Secretary of Agriculture, or in contiguous counties, or those who show proof of an individual loss of at least 50% are eligible to receive SURE payments for crop producer or crop quality losses. Losses are measured with consideration to the whole-farm revenue, which includes crop insurance indemnities and commodity program payments, so that producers are not paid more than once for the same loss.

A SURE calculator is available at: [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov), then click on Disaster Assistance Programs, then SURE. The calculator is not official, but is intended for educational use. A fact sheet and backgrounder are also available online. We are currently taking applications for 2008 losses.

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## BE CAREFUL!

Flowing grain in a storage bin or gravity-flow wagon is like quicksand - it can kill quickly. It takes less than five seconds for a person caught in flowing grain to be trapped.

The mechanical aspects of grain handling equipment, also presents a real danger. Augers, power take offs, and other moving parts can grab you or the clothing you might be wearing.

These hazards, along with pinch points and missing shields, are dangerous enough for adults; not to mention children. It is always advisable to keep children a safe distance from operating farm equipment. Always use extra caution when backing or maneuvering farm machinery. Insure everyone is visibly clear and accounted for before machinery is engaged.

FSA wants all farmers to have a productive crop year, and that begins with putting safety first.



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